Women prisoners

†3400. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of women prisoners in Tihar and Sabarmati jails;

(b) out of these, the latest details of prisoners undergoing life imprisonment, term-imprisonment and undertrials;

(c) whether cells meant for women prisoners in these prisons are overcrowded;

(d) whether Government propose to construct separate/special jails for women only in the State capitals; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) According to available information. The number of women prisoners in Tihar Jail was 466 as on 29.2.2000. The number of women prisoners in Sabarmati Jail was 32 as on 6.3.2000. The break-up in this regard is given below:—

	Tihar Jail	Sabarmati Jail
Prisoners undergoing life imprisonment	39	—
Prisoners undergoing term imprisonment	47	—
Undertrials	380	15
Detenues	—	17

(c) The problem of overcrowding exists in Tihar Jail. However, no such problem is being experienced in Sabarmati Jail.

(d) and (e) 'Prisons' is a State subject as per the Constitution of India. It is for the State Governments to choose the locations for construction of women jails as per requirement.

Administrative cost in NE States

3401. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an alarming level of rise in administrative cost in North-East States has stalled development activities; and

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